Fall in Industrial Production

2344. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 196 and 199 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th July, 1992 and state the impact of fall in growth rate in industrial production on the economy especially employment growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): As stated earlier in reply to Unstarred Question 196 and 199 given in the Rajya Sabha, the Index of Industrial Production compiled by Central Statistical Organisation showed an overall rate of growth of (—) 0.1 per cent during 1991-92 over 1990-91. This may result in the declaration of the rate of growth of real GDP, which is likely to be no more than 2.5 per cent in 1991-92, and also slower growht of employment generation.

Tie-ups between small business in India and USA

2345. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great potential to develop tie-ups between small business in India and the USA and thus increasing investment and technology flow into the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government have liberalised provisions and simplified procedures governing foreign investment approvals and foreign technology agreements. Automatic permission for foreign technology agreements is now available in certain high priority industries, upto a lumpsum payment of Rs. one crore subject to certain conditions. In respect of other industries, automatic permission for foreign technology agreement is allowed if no free foreign exchange is required for any payments. No permission is necessary for hiring of foreign technicians or foreign testing of indigenously developed technologies. These liberalised measures have generated considerable interest in industry and business circles including small business in several countries including USA. From August, 1991 to June, 1992, 305 foreign collaboration approvals with USA have been given. Out of these 116 proposals involve foreign equity and the total amount involved is Rs. 549.26 crores. These include both small and large businesses and industries.

सवाई माधोपुर स्थित जयपुर उद्योग सीमेंट फैक्टरी को पुनः चालू करने का बी० आई० एफ० आर० का निर्णय

2346. **डा० अबरार अहमद** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि औद्योगिक तथा वित्तीय पुनर्निर्माण बोर्ड सवाई माधोपुर (राजस्थान) स्थित जयपुर उद्योग सीमेंट फैक्टरी को पुनः चालू करने के पक्ष में अन्तिम निर्णय ले चुका है; यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) इस उद्योग को अब तक पुनः चालू न किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं और इस संबंध में कौन-कौन सी कठिनाइयां पेश आ रही हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इस उद्योग के कर्मकारों जिन्हें पिछले पांच वर्षों से वेतन नहीं मिला है, को कोई राहत प्रदान करेगी ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां। बी आई. एफ. आर. ने जयपुर उद्योग लि० के पुनरूज्जीवन के लिए 21-4-92 को एक योजना मंजूर की है। यह योजना तत्काल लागू हो गई है। उक्त योजना में मै० गानन डंगरली एण्ड कं० लि० द्वारा जयपुर उद्योग लिमिटेड की सभी परिसंपत्तियों